

**Spurgeon and a Madman.**  
A volume of reminiscences of Spurgeon, the celebrated English pulpit orator, contains the following anecdote:  
One day a visitor called at Nightingale lane with a request that he might be allowed to see Mr. Spurgeon at once on urgent business. He was told that an interview could not be had just then, but persistently prevailed. On entering the study the stranger closed the door, stood with his back to it and began: "What's this you've been telling the people at the tabernacle about me?" "Why, nothing, my friend." "Oh, yes, you have, and I've come to have it out with you. I am not going to have this sort of thing." Seeing that the man was stout and strong and that he carried a stick like himself, Mr. Spurgeon adopted a soothing, matter-of-fact, reasoning tone: "Well, my friend, you are a stranger to me. I don't think I ever saw you before, and certainly I don't know you. If I know nothing about you, I can't tell anything, can I?" "No," said the man, "I suppose you can't," and then, after a pause, asked: "Have you a brother?" "Yes," "Is he much like you?" "No, I can't say he is." Then came a furious burst: "No, it wasn't your brother; it was you, and I mean to settle the matter. Do you know that I have been in an asylum?" "Have you? I am sorry to hear that." "Yes; and when I was there I was so strong that it took ten men to hold me. The man began to flourish his stick, and, making threatening advances, from which there seemed no possibility of escape, then asked: "Are you strong?" This was the preacher's opportunity, and power of will over brute strength at once asserted itself. "Yes, I am terrifically!" "What! as strong as ten men?" Mr. Spurgeon sprang to his feet, and assuming a tragic tone, shouted: "Yes, I'm stronger than a hundred men, and if you don't get out of this room I'll crush every bone in your wretched little body!" The man trembled with fear, turned to the door, threw it aside and rushed down the stairs, out through the doorway and along the road as if pursued by fiends, leaving his stick behind as a memento of his visit.

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